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FEDERAL DOCUMENTS REGIONAL WORKSHOP
Kansas City, Missouri, April 13 and 14, 1973

Organized by Bernadine Hoduski, Librarian for Region VII, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Documents Regional Workshop provided a panorama of current Federal document activity. The meeting was designed to introduce documents librarians to the people who produce, sell, index, and catalog documents so that these people would know librarians' reactions, criticism, and advice about their services. Topics covered in the two days of meetings were the publication, distribution, and indexing of Federal documents through GPO, NTIS, and ERIC; agency and commercial catalogs; computerized information systems; films as documents; CIP and documents; micropublishing; and organization and servicing of documents.

The CIP and documents session presented a panel discussion on the Cataloging in Publication Program and the Government Printing Office. Alma Mather, Head of the Federal Documents Section, Exchange and Gift Division, Library of Congress, presented an overview of current documents handling at LC. Norman Barbee, Acting Administrator and Classification Specialist at the GPO Library, covered current practices for listing of documents in the *Monthly Catalog* and other operations at GPO that may affect CIP procedures.

William Gosling, Cataloging in Publication Program Manager, and Linda Perkins, Assistant Program Manager, gave a progress report on the current status of CIP, indicating that the Program is now covering about 55 percent of the American book trade. With the recent addition of several large firms, including Doubleday; E. P. Dutton; Harcourt Brace Jovanovich; Holt, Rinehart and Winston; and Viking, this percentage should soon approach 75 percent of the trade.

It was announced that, contingent on approval of the Library of Congress' fiscal 1974 budget request which provides for Federal funding of the Program, the Library will expand coverage to include selected Federal Government documents. As GPO is the printer and distributor, not the publisher, of these documents, they will have to be added to the Program on an agency by agency and item by item basis. Documents selected will be those which are widely acquired and cataloged by libraries. Participants then broke up into two smaller groups for a question and discussion period.

The Sixth Session of the workshop was devoted to micropublishing. Panelists for this discussion group were James Adler, Publisher, Congressional Information Service; E. Stevens Rice, Vice President, University Microfilms; and Lawrence S. Robinson, Library of Congress Preservation Microfilming Officer and Chairman, ALA-RTSD, Micropublishing Projects Subcommittee.

Mr. Rice pointed out the need for responsible micropublishing by micropublishers. Mr. Robinson stressed the regrettable fact that the responsibility for determining the quality and acceptability of microform products falls on the consumer instead of the producer where it properly belongs. He then cited several microform sources that persons concerned with acquisitioning, cataloging and servicing microforms should use.

Mr. Adler addressed the session on commercial micropublishing and the Government Printing Office micropublishing program. He emphasized bibliographic controls, warning that most bibliographic aid will be nonstandard and that suppliers do not always use the indexing criteria that a librarian would choose.

A spirited question and answer period followed.

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APPENDIX II

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18TH SEMINAR ON THE ACQUISITIONS OF LATIN AMERICAN LIBRARY MATERIALS
Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, April 29-May 3, 1973

The 18th Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM) met April 29-May 3, in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, with a record attendance of over 200 participants, including 110 librarians from the Caribbean area. Donald F. Wisdom, President of SALALM and Assistant Chief, Serial Division, Library of Congress, presided at the opening session held at the Trinidad Hilton April 29. Dr. & Rt. Hon. Eric Williams, Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago and a well-known historian, addressed the opening session of the Conference. Dr. Williams noted that even today "it still requires a lot of detective work to track down data from publishing houses in different parts of the world" and he commended the efforts of librarians "to make available, in archives and libraries, the tremendous volume of material–books, pamphlets, songs, government letters and documents, and newspapers representing our history, past and present."

SALALM participants were welcomed by Ursula Raymond, President of the Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago, and by C. K. Robinson, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, on behalf of the host institutions. Irma Hannays, Librarian of the Trinidad and Tobago Industrial Development Corp. served as Local Coordinator for the Conference. O. Mikhailov, Director, Department of Documentation, Libraries, and Archives, UNESCO, addressed the session and expressed the hope that SALALM and UNESCO might jointly support future acquisitions and library studies in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

At the first session Mr. Wisdom reported to the membership the unanimous decision of the Executive Board, adopted at its meeting the preceding evening, to move the SALALM Secretariat from the Organization of American States, where it has been located for 18 years, to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Pauline Collins, Latin American Bibliographer, University of Massachusetts, was named to succeed Marietta Daniels Shepard, Chief, Library Development Program of OAS, as Executive Secretary of SALALM, effective July 1. The University of Massachusetts has agreed to release Dr. Collins on a half time basis to perform the duties of Executive Secretary and to provide office space and secretarial support for the Secretariat.

Barbara Stein of Princeton University, Chairman of the Editorial Board, announced that the Board was recommending publication of the "Bibliographical Index to SALALM Progress Reports: 1956-1970," compiled by Rosa Abella, University of Miami, Amelia Mederos, Harvard University, and Haydee Piedracueva, Columbia University. Lee Williams, Yale University and Chairman of the Membership Committee, reported that SALALM membership had reached a record high of 214 personal members and 89 institutional members. Glenn Read, Cornell University, introduced newly-elected officers of SALALM on behalf of the Nominating Committee: Vice President/President-Elect, Emma C. Simonson, Indiana University, and members of the Executive Board, Jane Garner, University of Texas, and Earl J. Pariseau, Library of Congress. The first session was concluded with brief presentations on the work of the Acquisitions Committee and the Bibliography Committee. Noteworthy was the "Report on Bibliographical Activities, 1973," which lists works published and in progress. The report was compiled by Miss Piedracueva.

During the evening hours of April 30, SALALM participants toured the Library of the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, and were guests at an outdoor reception given by the University, where a Trinidadian steel band entertained.

Activities of the Committee on Library Organization, Personnel and Research and Latin American library developments were the principal topics of the second general session on Tuesday morning, May 1. Gilberto Fort, Miami-Dade Junior College, moderated and Eleanor Mitchell, Chairman of the Committee, summarized the activities of the Committee. Among the major recommendations of the Committee was a proposal for a Latin American oral history collection to be established at the University of Texas this year, including guidelines for a pilot interviewing program. Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Shepard, Martha Tome, OAS, and William V. Jackson, Vanderbilt University, reported on 10 library meetings they had attended in Latin America during the past year. Archie L. McNeal, Director of Libraries, University of Miami, announced that the next meeting of the Association of Caribbean

University and Research Institute Libraries (ACURIL) would be held in Miami, November 19-25.

"National, Regional, and International Planning for Library Services in Latin America" was the special theme of the third general session on May 1, with Alma Jordan, Librarian, University of the West Indies Library, St. Augustine as moderator. The following papers had been prepared for this panel: "Planeamiento de los Servicios Bibliotecarios y de Informacion en America Latina y El Caribe" co-authored by Carlos Victor Penna, Asesor de la Oficina de Educacion Iberoamericana (Spain) and Dr. Jordan; "Library Education in the English-speaking Caribbean" by Dorothy Collings, University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica; "Planning for Library Services in Trinidad and Tobago" by Miss Raymond, South Central Library of Trinidad and Tobago; "Current Status of Libraries and Librarianship in Chile" by Juan R. Freudenthal, Simmons College; "Bibliographical Developments in Bolivia" and "Survey on the Library Situation in Bolivia" by Werner Guttentag Tichauer, Los Amigo del Libro, Bolivia; and "Catalogo Centralizado de la Universidad de Buenos Aires y su Mechizacion" and "El Panorama Documental en la Argentina: Actualización 1972" by Hans Gravenhorst, Instituto Bibliotecologico, Universidad de Buenos Aires. In the absence of Mssrs. Penna and Gravenhorst, summaries of their papers were given by Dr. Jackson and Irene Zimmerman of the University of Florida. The panel was concluded with a discussion on priorities for national libraries.

The afternoon sessions of May 1 and the morning sessions of May 2 were devoted to a series of six workshops on acquisitions and bibliographical matters. "Caribbean Acquisitions Programs" was the subject of the first workshop and was sponsored by the ACURIL Committee on Acquisitions. Jessica Wellums, Assistant Librarian, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, and Chairman of the Committee, moderated the session. Grace Quiñones Seda, University of Puerto Rico, described the project undertaken by the Subcommittee for the Spanish-speaking Caribbean, of identifying publishers in each country and the issuing of a preliminary list entitled *Guia de Editoriales en el Area Español del Caribe* (Nov. 1972). Mrs. Wellums reported that major emphasis in the English-speaking Caribbean centers is on contacting printers, rather than publishers, since under prevailing copyright laws printers are generally responsible for copyright deposits. Mrs. Wellums distributed copies of *Recent Acquisitions of Trinidad and Tobago Imprints*, List No. 1, 1973, and noted that examples of the titles acquired were on display at the Conference. Discussions during this workshop emphasized the need to strengthen copyright laws in the Caribbean and ways in which SALALM and ACURIL might jointly make information on publication sources available.

The second workshop, "Bookdealers and Subscription Programs," was moderated by Carl Deal, University of Illinois. Robert C. Sullivan, Chief, Order Division, Library of Congress, reported on LC's survey of bookdealers in the area during January-April, following the demise of LACAP, and on efforts to reestablish blanket orders with dealers. A. W. Bork, University of Southern Illinois, Carbondale, described the LACOBA (Latin American Book Acquisition) program he was initiating as a successor to LACAP. Professor Bork stressed that LACOBA "is a not-for-profit organization." Max Gnehm, Director, International Division of Richard Abel and Co., described the acquisitions and cataloging services of his firm. Nettie Lee Benson, University of Texas, opened the discussion period by expressing deep concern for current cataloging data of Latin American imprints. Dr. Benson indicated that Texas University now has 10 Latin American catalogers and she offered to cooperate with the Library of Congress or to work out other arrangements for making this cataloging data available to libraries. Participants in this workshop voiced a strong interest in the Benson proposal and at the same time urged that the Library of Congress assign a high priority to the cataloging of Latin Americana.

A third workshop, conducted at the same hour as the second, was devoted to a "Discussion of Training Librarians" in the area. Maria Casas de Faunce, Graduate School of Library Science, University of Puerto Rico, was moderator for this session. Major topics discussed included the programs of the Graduate School of Library Science, University of Puerto Rico; the School of Librarianship, University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica; and the Library Development Program of the OAS.

During the evening of May 1, SALALM participants enjoyed "Home Hospitality" as dinner guests in Trinidadian homes. The hospitality was superb.

Rosa Q. Mesa of the University of Florida Libraries, SALALM Vice President/President-Elect, led a discussion on "Exchange Programs of Caribbean, Latin American and U.S. Libraries" during the fourth workshop on May 2. Problems of exchanges in the Caribbean were the major topic discussed and it was noted that although libraries in the area have successful exchange programs among themselves, it is more

difficult to set up exchanges with U.S. libraries. Cited as a major difficulty was the lack of knowledge as to what was available and from whom. It was suggested that SALALM and/or ACURIL develop a Caribbean Book Exchange along the lines of the U.S. Book Exchange or the British National Book Exchange.

The fifth workshop, moderated by Glenn Read, focussed on "Communications Between Librarians and Scholarly Researchers" and underlined the special need for librarians concerned with area-oriented collections to maintain close relations with their colleagues and clientele. Adequate service and collections building are dependent upon a librarian's understanding of academic and research requirements and enhanced by involvement in the programs of faculty committees and scholarly groups such as the Latin American Studies Association. The provision of good bibliographical tools, guides, and indexes is essential, while personal participation in area studies increases the ability to anticipate and respond to special needs. Examples of such needs are bibliographies covering biographical information and special categories of materials, indexes to periodical literature, and guides to newspapers and other pertinent holdings. A working paper by Laura Gutierrez of the Latin American Collection of the University of Texas on "Newspaper Titles from Colombia, Ecuador, and Venezuela Unavailable in U.S. Libraries: A Survey" was prepared with the aid of scholars concerned with research in these countries and should provide a sound base for cooperative plans for the collection and photocopying of these newspapers. Similar future efforts and programs have been planned.

Margarita Anderson-Imbert of Harvard University Library, Chairman of the SALALM Committee on Bibliography, was moderator for the sixth and concluding workshop on "New Bibliographical Tools for Latin American Studies." Peter T. Johnson, University of Minnesota Library, pointed out that the primary area not now covered by bibliographical indexes is Latin American serial publications and this became the central point of the discussion. Participants emphasized that the first priority was to revive the *Index to Latin American Periodical*, which ceased publication in 1971. Further, it was stressed that bibliographical activities of the magnitude of the *Index to Latin American Periodical* requires strong institutional support to be successful. It was suggested that SALALM conduct a search for a library that might undertake such as a project, perhaps with support from a foundation for the first years of publication.

The final session was held on Wednesday afternoon, May 2, chaired by Mr. Wisdom. The reports and recommendations of the workshops were presented. In addition Mrs. Shepard reported on her recent visit to Managua, Nicaragua, and described the severe earthquake damage to Nicaraguan libraries caused by the December 1972 disaster. Mrs. Shepard stressed the need for training of Nicaraguan librarians and stated that vocational and technical publications will be needed to restock some of the libraries devasted by the earthquake and resulting fires. OAS is anticipating a request for aid to libraries in Nicaragua.

Mrs. Mesa announced the appointment of Gilberto Fort as Chairman of the Committee on Library Organization, Personnel and Research and Juanita Doares, New York Public Library, as Chairman of the Committee on Acquisitions. Donald F. Wisdom was named Chairman of the Editorial Board. Additional Committee appointments will be announced in the *SALALM Newsletter.*

Nettie Le Benson, announced that SALALM will next meet at the University of Texas in Austin, April 23-25, 1974.

The 18th SALALM was concluded with the approval of resolutions in support of projects and programs of interest to the participants and a standing ovation for the host Coordinator Mrs. Hannays. During the evening hours of May 2, participants again were guests at a reception at the Trinidad Hilton given by the Minister of Education and Culture, Hon. Carlton Gomes. And for those who chose to remain in Trinidad an extra day, Lynette C. Hutchinson, Past President of the Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago, had arranged a post conference tour to Tobago.

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